

guarantee you not many rural Americans will pay taxes this year. Not many businessmen or women in rural Nebraska will pay taxes. Why? Because they didn't earn any income. You ride through the reservations, talk about what you're going to do for the Native American. Take a look at what we have done, ladies and gentlemen, for the past 125 years. Take a look at it. If that is success, then I beg to differ, I beg to differ, and I think no one in this body can say that it has been. There have been instances of success. We're proud of those, but the overwhelming odds are against the individual.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We have Nebraska farmers educated, once titled in property, who today find themselves penniless. They had advantages far superior to that of many of the minorities, in fact, most of the minorities, black, Native American or what have you in this state. But they found themselves helpless at the hands of a domineering federal government and most of you haven't got the courage to stand up here on the floor and concede it and you will go whimpering to your bankruptcy sale and never ever lay the blame where it belongs. I stand on the side of retrocession.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Next to speak is Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I can understand what a very, very difficult issue this is for you because it has been a very difficult issue for those of us in the Judiciary Committee that have had an opportunity to spend as much time as we have spent on it. Last March Senator Pappas brought this resolution to us and we had a hearing that started at 7:00 p.m. and went until, I think Senator Remmers can remember this clearly, went until 12:35 or 12:45 a.m., and we had meetings in the committee after that and visited with representatives of both sides after that last year and did a lot of agonizing and a lot of worry about it last year, and I think a lot of us were very concerned about the theoretical problems, about the way these two governments would mesh, about dual sovereignties and so forth. And then, of course, we had the floor debate last session when Senator Pappas had a motion to pull the bill out of committee and we debated it then for an hour or